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SUBJECT: GUYANA FONMIN VIEWS TRINIDADIAN PRIME MINISTER AS
ROAD BLOCK TO CARICOM CONSENSUS

REF: A) PORT OF SPAIN 870 AND B) 831

1. I ASKED FONMIN WILLS ON MARCH 31 HOW HE THOUGHT THE SERIES OF CARICOM MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT MEETINGS HAD GONE THE PREVIOUS WEEK. HE SHOT BACK WITH QUOTE WILLIAMS IS A SICK MAN UNQUOTE. WILLS WENT ON TO DESCRIBE AS NONSENSE WILLIAMS, REASON FOR DECLINING TO DISCUSS THE FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES RAISED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, I.E. THAT THE GOTT CABINET HAD NOT HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES. WILLS SAID THIS WAS SO TRANSPARENT AND NAIVE AS TO TURN OFF BURNHAM AND MANLEY COMPLETELY. WILLS HAS SUBSEQUENTLY DESCRIBED WILLIAMS IN SIMILAR TERMS TO OTHER GUYANESE AND FOREIGNERS IN A MORE OF LESS PUBLIC SITUATION WHEN I HAVE BEEN PRESENT, SO IT IS TO BE ASSUMED THAT HIS REMARKS WILL EVENTUALLY GET BACK TO DR. WILLIAMS.

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO REFERENCE IN LOCAL PRESS TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS STATEMENT ABOUT THE SOUTH TRINIDAD POLITICAL
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MEETING OF APRIL 3. THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL CONSIDERING GOVT CONTROL

OF MEDIA, BUT PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM AND HIS COLLEAGUES WILL
CERTAINLY HAVE READ THE TRINIDADIAN PRESS REPORTS.

3. WE CONCUR FULLY IN EMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN COMMENTS IN REFTEL A.
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